

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re divisional PATENT APPLICATION  
filed on September 4, 2001, based on the  
parent allowed application identified as  
follows:

Applicants: Roland CALLENS, et al.

Application No.: 09/502,561

Filed: February 11, 2000

For: UREINS DERIVED FROM  
 $\alpha$ ,  $\omega$ -DIAMINO ACIDS AND  
PROCESS FOR THEIR  
PREPARATION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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September 4, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is presented concurrently with a divisional application based on the allowed parent application.

Applicants hereby claim the benefit of said priority document Belgium 09300621, under 35 U.S.C. 119 and all rights attendant hereto. The priority papers were filed in the grandparent application of the parent application, which is the divisional of that application. That is a certified copy of the priority document was filed in Serial Number 08/257,292 on June 9, 1994. Identification of the priority document is Belgium 09300621, filed June 18, 1993. Priority was expressly claimed in 09/502,561 on June 14, 2001.

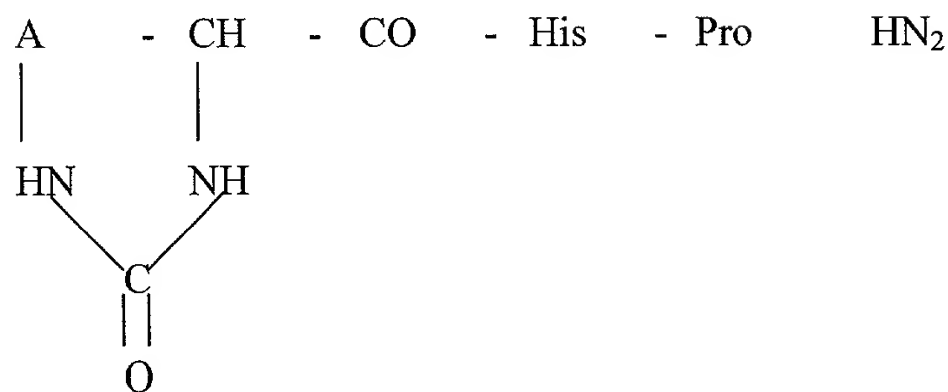
Please amend the attached divisional application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancels claims 1 through 6 and claims 8 through 10.

Please add claims 11 through 17:

11. A peptide of general formula



in which A is a bivalent group consisting of a linear carbon chain formed from 2 carbon atoms, which chain is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub> – C<sub>3</sub> alkyl groups and functional groups comprising at least one oxygen or sulphur atom.

12. The peptide according to claim 11, in which the linear carbon chain is substituted by a functional group comprising at least one oxygen atom.
13. The peptide according to claim 12, wherein the functional group comprising at least one oxygen atom is selected from carboxyl, acyl, hydroxyl and alkoxy group.
14. The peptide according to claim 11, in which the linear carbon chain is substituted with a functional group containing sulphur.
15. The peptide according to claim 14, in which the functional group containing sulphur is a mercapto group.
16. The peptide according to claim 11, in which the linear carbon chain is a polymethylene group.
17. The peptide according to Claim 11, wherein said functional group is selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy and mercapto group.

**REMARKS**

An early examination is respectfully solicited.

The claims presented herein are presented to prosecuted subject mater which was not prosecuted in the parent and grand parent applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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